

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0xij-ku-vi3om-vLE2dUJA>

WELCOME

Pastor Rob

PRELUDE

Nearer, Still Nearer
CCLI# 7128487

Tammy Lydon, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: In the midst of darkness we have come.

All: Heal us, Lord Jesus.

One: Save us from the darkness of our souls.

All: Save us, Lord Jesus.

One: Let us follow you and obey your commands.

All: Direct and guide us, Lord Jesus.

One: Brighten our lives and lift our spirits.

All: Bring us to your glorious presence, Lord Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

O God, maker of everything, and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us, and from the dust of death you have raised us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING SONG

Change My Heart, O God
CCLI# 1565

Tim Anderson

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

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PRAYER FOR CLEANSING AND PARDON Psalm 51:10-17

Pastor Rob

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not our holy Spirit from me.

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

One: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

One: For you have no delight in sacrifice;
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:5-15 NRSV

REFLECTION

From Dust To Dust

Pastor Jiyeon

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Pastor Forrest

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES AND OIL

Pastor Rob

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND OIL

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe the gospel.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

I Need Thee Every Hour
CCLI# 78811

Tammy Lydon, piano

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby.
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (BOW27)

Pastor Jiyeon

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jiyeon

POSTLUDE

Meditation

Tammy Lydon, piano

*There will no chat following this service.
You are invited to depart for reflection.*